

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2017-1-E**

**ORDER NO. 2017-35-H**

**JUNE 1, 2017**

**Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Progress, LLC**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Request of J. Blanding Holman IV, Esquire and Lauren Joy Bowen, Esquire, counsel for the Intervenor South Carolina Coastal Conservation League (“SCCCL”) and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (“SACE”), to be excused from the hearing in this Docket, scheduled for June 8, 2017 at 10:30 AM**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER’S ACTION:**

**The two requesting attorneys state that, although they have submitted a comment letter in this proceeding, they do not intend to present any witnesses at the hearing, nor do they intend to cross-examine any of the other parties’ witnesses. Both counsel have family events scheduled for the day of the hearing, and, therefore request to be excused from attending the hearing.**

**The two requesting attorneys also point to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-844 (B), which allows a proceeding’s presiding officer to excuse attendance of counsel. Although this Standing Hearing Officer will not specifically preside at the hearing in this matter, a Standing Hearing Officer possesses authority from the Public Service Commission to rule on procedural matters that would otherwise be heard before a presiding officer or before the entire Commission. Therefore, this Standing Hearing Officer has the authority to rule on the present matter.**

**Accordingly, based on the grounds presented by counsel, both attorneys are hereby excused from attending the hearing in this Docket, which is scheduled for June 8, 2017 at 10:30 AM.**